

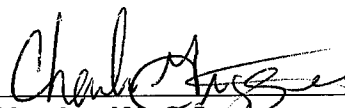
REMARKS

In the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief of January 7, 2008, it is alleged that Applicants' Appeal Brief filed on October 23, 2007 is defective for having an incorrect statement regarding related appeals. In this regard, Applicants submit herewith an Amended Appeal Brief with a revised statement regarding related appeals and also a revised status of the amendments section including a statement confirming that there have been no amendments filed subsequent to the final Office Action of May 24, 2007.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office accept and consider the Appeal Brief submitted herewith. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this paper, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

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